UTTLESFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

CORPORATE PLAN 2015 - 2020

By 2020 we will:	We will do this by:
Remain a low tax Council	Cutting Council Tax in 2014-15 and keeping the Council Tax as low as possible thereafter, and increasing our income whilst maintaining or improving our services and providing support to the vulnerable
	Continually improving financial management and ensuring the Council remains financially sound
	Increasing the emphasis on demonstrable value for money
	Planning for a future in which there will be little or no "core" Government funding, including a strategy for the measured and careful use of reserves
Continue to listen and respond to our communities so we stay focused on our customers' needs and the delivery of high quality key services that matter	Effectively consulting with our partners and local communities, councils and the voluntary sector to ensure value for money, democracy and localism are at the heart of everything we do
	Working closely with the Armed Forces at Carver Barracks
	Keeping Uttlesford safe
	Focusing on key services that are deliverable so that what we do well
	Promoting equitable, diverse, healthy and safe living and working
	Setting a high example by exemplary corporate governance and standards
	Creating a single point of access to services provided by the public and voluntary sectors
We will have shared the benefits of growth with our communities in an responsible way that protects and enhances our environment	Having a robust and relevant Local Plan so we continue to meet local housing needs, especially high quality affordable and local authority housing.
	Enabling communities to develop neighbourhood plans that protect and enhance local facilities
	Working closely with Essex CC including to ensure our roads and pavements are maintained to a high standard
	Delivering on our energy efficiency policies
	Improving environmental management and enforcement against planning contraventions and environmental crime
	Encouraging the renovation of heritage assets
Delivering thriving communities	Enhancing economic prosperity through the Local Enterprise Partnerships, the London Stansted Cambridge Consortium, the West Essex Alliance of local authorities and businesses and working with local businesses to encourage future skills development and growth
	Working with partners to improve the health and wellbeing of our communities
	Promoting our town centres and enhancing town centre car park provision
	Working with the owners of Stansted Airport to ensure economic and social benefits that also secure an overall environmental improvement - and maintaining vigilance against a 2 nd runway